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In re Application of

C. Steven Smith

Application No. 10/660,841

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Attorney Docket No. AL130/00AL1-U

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 27, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply timely to the Final Rejection mailed January 17, 2007.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b); (2) the petition fee of \$750; and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See <u>In re Application of S.</u>, 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Since the \$285 extension of time fee submitted with the petition on July 27, 2007 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account.

This application is being revived solely for purposes of continuity. As continuity has been established by this decision, the application is again abandoned in favor of continuing application No. 11/829,111 filed July 27, 2007.

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